

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Don't forget to register.

Have you got a cold, or a pain in your back?

Be sure and see that you register this week, before Friday.

H. B. M. S. Conquest has been ordered to the East Indian station.

It is reported that a new lake has formed in the crater of Kilauea.

The Arion Society will celebrate Emperor William's birthday January 27.

The line of the Oahu railway is being extended from Manana to Honolulu.

The Lurline did well in making the trip from San Diego to Hilo in ten days.

Copies of the Compiled Laws, Hawaiian version, can be had at the Interior office.

There was a Salvation Army man on board the Alameda. He was an object of curiosity.

Hon. Cecil Brown and others addressed a meeting of First ward voters at Manoa, Tuesday evening.

Read the list of new and interesting books to be found at the Up-Town book and stationery store.

Mr. Philip Mondt has been appointed a member of the Wailuku Road Board vice Mr. H. Morrison, resigned.

The Warspite, the new flagship for the Pacific station, carries ten guns, is of 5,400 tons with 10,000 horse power.

The Alameda brought \$50,000 in gold coin for Messrs. Bishop & Co. There is \$100,000 more on the way for the same firm.

It is reported that there is an agent in town who contemplates the running of a line of steamers between this port and San Diego.

Messrs. H. Hackfeld & Co. and Prof. Sauver are the agents of the celebrated Bechstein pianos. Read testimonials elsewhere.

The Hon. M. C. Deady, Chief Justice of Portland, Oregon, occupied a seat on the bench Friday during the hearing of the banco cases.

The story comes from Kipahulu, Maui, of a Japanese supposed to be dead but coming to life again as the coffin was about to be lowered into the grave.

A number of the members of Chiarini's Circus Co. passed through on the Alameda bound for the Colonies. Several of the horses and ponies were on board.

W. H. Bernard, a famous minstrel, died in New York January 12. In 1849 he visited the Hawaiian Islands with the "New York Serenaders," remaining five months.

Mr. Warren D. Clark, Mr. Oscar T. Sewall and Mr. Edwin R. Dimond were admitted as general partners in the firm of Williams, Dimond & Co. on December 31, 1889.

The barkentine S. G. Wilder, on her last trip from Honolulu, had heavy weather with rain the whole passage; burst royal topgallant sail, jib, mainsail and spunk.

A San Francisco paper says: The old propeller of the United States steamer Nipsic is now at Mare Island. It is strangely twisted by the Samoan hurricane. It is said that it will be sent to the great world's fair.

Mrs. H. G. Morse and Mrs. J. B. Sutton, wives of the popular commander and purser of the Alameda, were through passengers to the Colonies. During the steamer's stay in port the two ladies renewed acquaintance with their many friends in this city.

The P. M. S. S. City of Peking, Capt. Jno. M. Cavarly, arrived in San Francisco January 9, completing the ship's 60th trip across from Yokohama and signaling it by bringing 4,307 tons of freight, the largest cargo that she ever brought to that port.

By the Alameda news was received of the death of Mr. M. H. Sachs, father of Mr. N. S. Sachs and Mrs. A. M. Mellis, of this city. The sad event took place in New York, where the deceased gentleman had lived many years in retirement. He was 75 years of age.

At a meeting of the line officers of the Honolulu Rifles battalion held at the Armory last week, Col. V. V. Ashford presiding, the following staff officers were elected: Major, H. F. Hebbard, re-elected; Adjutant, Edward Langley, re-elected; Quartermaster, Gardner K. Wilder; Ordnance officer, A. Gartenberg; Surgeon, John Brodie, M. D.

The brig Lurline, which left San Francisco for Hilo, having the little steamer Alice in tow, had to let the latter go when two days out owing to rough weather. The Lurline made for San Diego, where the captain landed his wife who was sick. The Alice is expected to make Hilo safely. She was well provisioned, had coal, and had three men on board.

At the request of several planters in Fiji the Hon. H. M. Whitney has forwarded to that place on three different steamers fifty-eight mynah birds.

The first lot had arrived safely and the planters were pleased with them. The last lot, consisting of twenty-five birds, were sent on the Alameda last week. The mynahs are wanted at Fiji, where the planters are much troubled with caterpillars.

Chinatown presented a gay scene last Monday, its residents celebrating the New Year. The Chinese United Society held a reception at their house from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. The members were attired in gorgeous costumes. Among those who called were His Majesty's Ministers, members of the Diplomatic and Consular corps, and a large number of private citizens. The Hawaiian Band was in attendance.

There are about 25 Japanese who are members of a Y. M. C. A. They have a monthly social meeting in Queen Emma hall. The meeting last Saturday evening was a very pleasant one, with singing, addresses in Japanese and English, and refreshments of cake and ice-cream. Rev. A. N. Fisher made an address and Miss Carrie Castle delighted them with her skillful piano playing. The hall was prettily trimmed, with the unique tastefulness characteristic of the Japanese.

Bishop Willis left on the W. G. Hall for Lahaina.

Have you registered? If not, do it without delay.

His Majesty left on the W. G. Hall last week for Kailua, Hawaii.

Five passengers left for the Volcano last week on the steamer W. G. Hall.

There arrived from the other islands, on Saturday and Sunday, 17,533 bags of sugar.

A Japanese was killed at Waiakea, January 13th, by falling between two loaded cars.

The Rev. J. Hanalei, for many years Hawaiian pastor at the leper settlement, died there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Terry left on the W. G. Hall Friday on their honeymoon trip, amid a shower of rice.

Messrs. E. Hoffschlaeger & Co. have replenished their stock of German beers. They have also superior Havana cigars.

The barkentine S. N. Castle and the bark J. C. Pfleger took, between them, on Saturday, 34,888 bags of sugar to San Francisco.

The steamer Likie left Maui 7 o'clock Sunday morning, arriving at Honolulu in the evening at 6 o'clock. Time, eleven hours.

A new daily paper made its appearance on Saturday in the interests of Reform. It is called "The Honolulu Daily Times." It is distributed gratis.

The barkentine S. N. Castle took from the Postoffice on Saturday for San Francisco 622 letters and 345 papers. The J. C. Pfleger also took half a dozen letters.

We had a pleasant call on Saturday from Hon. Matthew F. Deady, United States District Justice of Portland, Oregon. Judge Deady has come to the islands for the benefit of his health, and is much pleased with what he has already seen.

Mr. Theo. H. Davies has presented Capt. Robt. Parker of the Household Guards, with a handsome silver cup on which is the following explanatory inscription: "Lieut. Robt. Parker, Household troops, in admiration of his faithfulness to duty under the attack on Iolani Palace, Honolulu, 30th July, 1889, from his friend, Theo. H. Davies."

The New Year's number of the San Jose Mercury has been received. It has beautifully colored covers, showing different buildings in that city, also the fruits raised and a view of the race track. The number contains twenty-four pages of the most interesting matter as well as pictures of the leading public buildings, residences and factories. The handsome residence of Mr. W. P. Dougherty who recently spent three months in these islands, is to be found on the third page.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hild and Mr. Godfrey Brown returned on the Alameda looking none the worse for a trip abroad.

Mr. George F. Allard, the well-known civil engineer, is in town again. He is likely to remain here some time.

The Hon. M. C. Deady, Chief Justice of Portland, Oregon, arrived on the Alameda with Mrs. Deady for a month's visit to the Islands.

The Rev. George Wallace, rector of the Second Congregation of St. Andrew's Cathedral, has accepted a call to a church at Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. W. A. McKay, the Wailuka postmaster, has returned from a pleasant five month's trip in the States.

Ex-Governor F. W. M. Halliday, of Virginia, who visited the islands in 1882, arrived on the Alameda, en route to Australia. The ex-Governor called on His Majesty to pay his respects, and made visits on Hon. Chas. R. Bishop, Consul General H. W. Severance and others.

Capt. A. B. St. Clair entertained at dinner on board H. B. M. S. Champion, Tuesday evening, Major J. H. Woodhouse, H. B. M. S. Commissioner; Capt. Coglian, U. S. S. Mohican; Capt. Lyons, U. S. S. Nipsic; Col. G. W. Macfarlane, H. M. S. Chamberlain, and Lieut. Greet, R. N.

The many friends of Lieut. G. A. C. Webb, of H. B. M. S. Cormorant, will learn from a notice elsewhere that he joined the Benedicts soon after his arrival in England.

## The Baldwin Locomotive.

The attention of plantation agents, managers and railroad men is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Wm. G. Irwin & Co. in to-day's issue, by which it will be seen, that they have received the appointment of Agents for the Islands for the celebrated Baldwin Locomotive, an engine which is noted for its superior qualities all over the world and is probably the best known locomotive of any that is manufactured. It will be seen that the Baldwin Works are manufacturing a locomotive particularly adapted for plantation purposes, and we understand that quite a number are now being ordered, including two for the new Oahu plantations.

## R. M. S. Alameda.

The Royal Mail Steamship Alameda, Capt. H. G. Morse, arrived at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, seven days two hours from San Francisco. Owing to extremely rough weather on the Atlantic the steamer with the English mails was three and a half days late in reaching New York. This, coupled with a detention of the mails of ten hours across the continent, was the reason of the Alameda not being on time. She left San Francisco January 15 at 7 a. m. First two days out had strong wind, went to northwest with heavy swell; thence wind ESE to SSE, misty and rainy weather. The Alameda left for the Colonies about 2 o'clock next morning.

## Hamakua Industry.

The ladies of this district deserve great credit for the high art displayed in polishing horns for hat racks. Some of them are beautiful specimens, and will make a splendid piece of furniture in decorating the halls of our Sugar Kings.

The ladies have just received a few horns and sculls complete in their rough state from some of their friends, and when polished and mounted will do credit to any hall.

## OBSERVER.

## DISASTROUS FLOODS.

## The Island of Kauai Submerged in Many Places.

## Twelve Inches of Rain Fell—Houses Carried Away—Two Chinese Lose Their Lives.

When the steamer Kaala arrived on Friday morning from Kauai, the most important news her captain had to report was, heavy floods on that Island. The rain literally poured down in torrents, the streams were swollen, and considerable damage had been done to property.

Captain Hagland reported the bay of Nawiliwili full of floating debris and it was impossible to use steam, fearing the propeller might come in contact with some of it, so they drifted out of the bay. The engineer says he never saw it rain so hard before. Buildings were afloat at Hanalei, while the taro and rice patches were all washed away out of Nawiliwili valley. The James Makoe picked up a quantity of debris out of the bay. The bridges between Lihue and Hanalei were all carried away. The road from the bridge at Nawiliwili to the warehouse was washed away, also a small jeweler's store.

We are indebted to the Hon. Henry Waterhouse for the perusal of a letter from Mrs. W. H. Rice of Lihue, giving particulars of the rain and floods. Mrs. Rice writes under date of January 23d, as follows: It began to rain on Tuesday afternoon, the 21st. The steamer arrived Wednesday morning, bringing to us General Marshall, Miss von Holt, Mr. Knudson and Mr. and Mrs. Gibbard two English tourists. The rain poured down by bucketfuls; it was a kona without wind, a quite unheard of thing. When we looked out we could see nothing but a broad and angry stream of water, taking all before it. Some of the men came up to the house. Christian Olsen, a Norwegian, and his family were compelled to leave their home and seek refuge on the hill above. On Wednesday there was one or two peals of thunder and we disconnected the telephone. The thunder passed off.

Later on we telephoned to different homes; one would say, "I never felt so helpless in all my life;" another "All our vegetable garden, trees and taro have gone, and below is a roaring stream of water;" another "No one can cross to the mill as the river is very much swollen;" another "Nawiliwili bridge is gone, two bridges and the approach to another at Kapaa have gone." At the latter place a Chinese store along with \$800 in silver and a number of checks was washed away and two Chinese were drowned. A message came through the telephone that Mr. Spitz's store at Nawiliwili had been moved twenty feet by the bursting of the dam at the Lihue mill at 11 o'clock. The rain had abated at 2 p. m. This dam was built about forty years ago, General Marshall having a hand in its construction. Singularly enough the General was near by when it broke, on Wednesday. It had withstood many floods, before finally giving way. Mr. Spitz lost his carriage house, three carriages, a case of saddles, also considerable grain. Mr. Wishard, the bookkeeper at Lihue, went up to have breakfast at Mr. Spitz's. The cook told him he had had a nice ham cooked, but the water had washed it away, so he could not have any breakfast. However, the cook said he would catch some of the fish swimming in the kitchen and fry them.

After the storm we went out to different points to look around. Saw Spitz's store. It had moved the 20 feet so gently that crockery on the shelves had not been disturbed and none broken. We feel very sorry for the Hawaiians and Germans who have lost their taro and for the Chinese whose rice is gone. Trees, houses, pigs, fowl and cattle were all carried down the angry stream.

They tell us that much damage has been done at Koloa. The rainfall there was 12 inches and it could not have been much less at Lihue. It was more like a dreadful dream, but we can see the beautiful places laid waste. There is several feet of water in the Lihue mill, but a gang of men are hard at work and grinding will be resumed on Saturday. A steam pump was nearly lost from the mill. We have learned that Mr. Neal's workshop and a Japanese store at Koloa were carried away. Such a rain storm has not been known here for twenty years. We are constantly gathering fresh reports.

## ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

## Further Particulars of the Floods—Great Damage Done—Three Lives Lost.

The beautiful valleys, which until last Tuesday were the pride of Kauai, are now a mass of mud and water, filled with the rubbish which was unresistingly swept over the land, from the mountains down into the sea. On Tuesday at 12:30 p. m. the rain began to fall, and continued in an unbroken stream until about 2 p. m. on Wednesday. During the night the tiny rivulets grew into rivers which constantly increased in size and momentum, and the early morning light showed a large quantity of water spread over the surface of the ground. Still, nothing serious was apprehended, though the pressure of the water against its environments was terrific. In Lihue the canals for irrigation were overflowing, and the roads were transformed into madly rushing rivers. The water of the mill pond was rapidly rising, and fears were entertained that it would momentarily pour over the embankment. But the pressure against the dam was too great, and it gave way with a tremendous crash. Now the great barrier being removed, there was nothing to check the wild flow, and soon the entire valley surrounding the Lihue mill, was like a vast lake, seething and hissing, while it carried destruction in its path. On and on the waves rolled, breaking fences and young trees, leaping ditches whose waters added their volumes to the rapidly flowing river, through rice fields and taro patches which were ruthlessly destroyed, gathering wood, undergrowth and plants on its way, it spread terror and devastation on all sides. Small cottages and grass huts were temporarily submerged, the inhabitants having hastened to higher ground were unhurt, but chickens, ducks and young pigs were carried far out into Nawiliwili bay. The bridge at Nawiliwili was demolished, and the breakwater that had been built was swept away like a cobweb. All the outhouses belonging to C. A. Spitz were raised bodily by the

angry river and carried far out to sea. A large stable containing carriages and saddles was also swept away, while the store was turned at right angles to its previous position. The house occupied by A. Maclean had half of its supports carried away by the relentless tide, but though time was granted to the occupants to remove all the contents of the building, it has since then toppled over into the sea.

At Kapaa, the bridge was torn from its foundation and went crashing along the great river which had formed in this valley. A store and dwelling belonging to a Chinaman was carried away and the dry goods and groceries went sailing along the stream. The new bridge near Hanalei was also destroyed. Though there were heavy rainfalls at Kealia, Kilauea, and Hanalei, there was no injury done, the fury of the storm seemed to have concentrated itself on the eastern and southern sides of the island.

The smaller bridges between Koloa and Lihue were washed away, as they have been on the other side of Koloa. Koloa suffered nearly as much as Lihue. The water rose in some of the private residences to a height of two or three feet, bullock carts were carried into the sea and much damage done around the mill. The carpenter shop belonging to J. D. Neal was literally cut in two, half of it being borne to the sea, and the other half, striking against a high barrier of lumber, was left on the road. Two or three stores belonging to Portuguese and Chinamen were utterly ruined. The Lihue valley, which looked like a painting nestled as it was at the foot of the surrounding mountains, has only mud and water to show where a few days ago, a blooming vegetation gladdened the eyes of the traveller.

The oldest residents say, that though there have been many severe storm visitations to Kauai, there has never been one which in so short a time, carried such ruin with it. Fortunately the loss of life was not great. The death of one native in Koloa, and two Chinese in Kapaa, are all that have been reported. The Chinese in Kapaa lost heavily, so did also Mr. Spitz. He estimates his loss at about \$2,000. The Lihue Sugar Co. lost several hundred dollars worth of sugar, which was ready for shipment, for the water rose in the mill to a height of nearly four feet. Their loss of time was great, too, for there were several fires in the ground surrounding the mill, which it will take time to fill up, while the repairs about the old dam, and the building of the new one, will delay grinding for some time.

A Chinaman remained in his store as it was borne away, but seeing the water enter it, he managed to crawl on the roof, and just before the shanty was dashed to pieces, he happened to catch on to a branch of a mango tree, and thus saved his life.

Water rose in the houses of many of the natives and other laborers to a height of two or three feet, but except a wetting and a fright no damage was done.

The employees in the mill caught the fish that were swimming around there and sent them home to their families as curios.

A native, anxious to get a good view of the situation at Nawiliwili, stood on a piece of ground close to the raging flood, when, with a crash, it gave way, and Kaahui, where was he?

Oh! Floundering in the sea!

but being a good swimmer he went out with the current and swam ashore to a safer place.

A large number of natives were congregated at Nawiliwili on Wednesday morning at the hour when the excitement and destruction were at their height, but they proved themselves equal to the occasion by being very helpful. A number of horses were in Spitz's stable, and before any danger was thought of the building was moving. Seeing that the horses would soon be lost, several Hawaiians leaped into the water, battered open the doors, liberated the poor animals and drove them into the water, where they swam ashore and were safe.

Wednesday, the 22d of January, 1890, will be long remembered in the annals of Kauai, and it is sincerely hoped that there will never be another visitation like this one.

VERITAS.

Lihue, January 25.

## Saturday's Land and Stock Sale.

Mr. James F. Morgan's auction room was crowded in every part on Saturday at noon, the attraction being, not a political meeting, but an important sale of stocks, bonds and real estate of which due notice was given. The real estate comprised the Booth estate situated on the corner of Bethel and Hotel streets. It was subdivided into twelve lots. Of these, only three were sold to one purchaser Mr. A. J. Cartwright, as follows: No. 1 \$5,000; No. 5, \$2,500; No. 6, \$5,750.

Of Pahala plantation stock, five shares were sold to Rev. S. E. Bishop at \$100; five to G. H. Collins at \$157.50, and five to E. M. Hatch at \$150. Other sales were: Ten shares Okala plantation at \$105 to W. M. Giffard; eight of Rectitude Sugar Co. at \$102 to Mr. Justice Dole; nine of Honoum at \$140 to order; five Oahu Railway and Land Co. at \$105 to F. M. Hatch; five Olowalu at \$120 to J. F. Morgan; five People's Ice and Refrigerating Co. to A. J. Cartwright at \$84, and ten to E. O. White at \$84; two Government bonds \$5,000 each at \$108 to P. Muhlendorff. A lot of land on Beretania street between the residences of Mr. Canavaro and Mr. Boardman was sold to F. S. Dodge for \$1,300. A mortgage sale of land in Hilo brought \$750 and one in Kona \$350, the purchaser being Manalo in both instances. Total amount of sale \$34,298.50.

## A Worthy Institution Revived.

The Kohala Seminary entered a new era of existence Oct. 2, 1889, with Miss Whittier as principal, Miss Gorton and Miss Bates her associates in the work, and eleven pupils. At the present time there are nineteen connected with the school.

The islands are fortunate in again having this school available; also in securing the services of experienced teachers, who are deeply interested in the native people, and consecrated to the work of uplifting others. With such influences about the Hawaiian girls we may look for moral and spiritual elevation.

Preparations are being made for the erection of a new building for the purpose of affording better facilities in the laundry work.

It is hoped that natives and foreigners will aid the school by their prayer, sympathies, and financial encouragement.

C. L. T.

## H. B. M. S. CORMORANT.

## Interesting Letter from One of the Officers—The Death of Capt. Nicolls.

On arriving in England, and finding a budget of Honolulu papers, one's thoughts naturally turned to that place, and also as naturally made one wish that a slight amount of Honolulu's climate might be mixed with ours of December. We received Honolulu papers at Coquimbó, and they were welcome. The good old ship we left at Gibraltar. She had carried us safely 74,283 miles, and our last look at her was with mixed feelings. She did good work and carried our flag to many places. All the officers and men are scattered. The officers were given fifty-eight days leave, the men ten days more. Looking at some of the new warships with their long thin bodies, hulls full of machinery and guns as numerous as can be, I think the old navy ships may be considered the habitable ones. Our new ironclads are just iron forts on self-propelling rafts. All the old croakers in the newspapers are telling the English people that these ships are no good, or half good, or fractional good, (don't know their exact terms) but you may depend upon it that, when the time comes for their use, they will give a good account of themselves. Old Admiral Hawkins (an Armada whipper) was very rough on such wordy croakers, for which see "Westward Ho" chapter thirty. The fact is, one who has been away four years and a half can see and note the great improvement which has been effected in our navy, better than those who have been living in these improving phases and had their development shown by easy stages. But I am getting into the essay stage.

I cannot say how pleased I feel that the warm hearted people of Honolulu should so spontaneously set about raising a memorial to our late captain. I am sure that the officers and crew of the Cormorant will be much pleased. I consider it a great honor to the British navy that one of our captains, a stranger and sojourner among you, should thus have earned your approbation. Had this death, when his career seemed so rosy, his created wide-spread sympathy for Mrs. Nicolls and her two little fatherless girls. The captain's poor old father and mother are much bowed down with grief. Capt. Nicolls told me that he much wished to go to Rio Janeiro to see his brother. He had not met him for some years, and he added, "I might never see him again." The poor captain had got into a low, desponding state, and the fever caught him and soon made havoc. He died the day after the full moon in October at 5:30 p. m. We buried him at 8 p. m. All hands attended, for we don't let religious differences trouble us on blue water, and I noticed several Roman Catholics who joined with heartfelt fervor in the responses. It was a scene long to be remembered. The weather was calm, the moon brilliant. All hands gathered around the gun port, the boat's crew (his own boat) carried him to the port. Lieut. Kingsmill read the service and Lieut. St. John the lesson. A splash told us that all was over, till the sea should give up its dead. We were fortunate in that no other cases broke out. The two men, Story and Howes, who attended the late captain were kept in quarantine in the cabin for fourteen days. Mrs. Nicolls sent them each a watch. The sum of \$30 was raised among the officers and men, and at Mrs. Nicolls' request this has been used to endow a "cabin" (or small bedroom) at the Sailor's Home at Portsmouth. Speaking as an individual I think that a window in the St. Andrew's Cathedral in memory of the three, Capt. Schoonmaker, Paymaster Arms and Capt. Nicolls would be more appropriate. They were fellow-warshipers—they all followed the sea. The two American officers were so well known to us, and doubtless to many more in our navy, that a memorial keeping green the memories of three who came from far lands and often met in the cathedral, would perhaps tend to further cement the amity which I hope will continue between the two countries through all time. Poor Arms! Paymaster Bedford had a letter from one of the Calliope's officers, which said that Arms was on shore singing hymns on one Sunday evening, while on the next Sunday he was buried in the grounds of the house and the same hymns were sung over his grave.

I hear a rumor that Lieut. Kingsmill is coming out to the Pacific again on the new flagship, Warspite. She will leave England early in February. My aloha to all friends. W. J. HARDING, R. N.

## The Late Mr. Justice Preston.

At a meeting of the Privy Council held Saturday morning the following minute and resolutions were presented:

The Honorable Edward Preston departed this life on the 17th day of January inst. He had been Attorney-General of the kingdom. He was a member of the Privy Council since February 13, 1883. He held the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court from the 7th day of July, 1885.

As an expression of the estimate of this Council of its deceased associate, be it resolved:

1. That by the death of Mr. Justice Preston this Council has lost a member of singularly clear views upon the business brought before it from time to time and strictly faithful and independent in advising and voting.

2. That we hereby express to His Majesty our sense of his loss of a wise counselor, and to the widow of the deceased our condolence in the affliction she has sustained.

3. That the proceedings herein be published.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

## Wedding Bells.

There was a large gathering of many of the leading people of Honolulu at the residence of Mr. Frank W. Damon on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. At that hour Mr. Willard S. Terry one of the citizens of Hilo was united in marriage to Miss Cassie A. Reamer so favorably known throughout the islands as the principal of the Kamehameha Preparatory School. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. D. Westervelt, an old Oberlin friend of the bride. In the unavoidable absence of Dr. Beckwith Rev. O. P. Emerson assisted in the services. There were many very beautiful presents. The friends gave the young people the heartiest good wishes for future happiness. They will shortly leave for Hilo.

## HILO NEWS LETTER.

The Hilo Literary and Musical Club delighted all who were present on the 18th inst. at the house of L. Severance, Esq. It was a Dickens' eve, many selections being read from that good author, interspersed with music of the finest selections all splendidly rendered.

There were three of Dickens' celebrated characters taken by Dr. C. H. Wetmore, Mr. N. Wilfong and Mr. Smith; also a scene from Cricket on the Hearth and a recitation by Miss Ivy Richardson.

A board fence has been put up in front of the property of Col. Spreckels so that there will be no more festivities in the village green. It should be white-washed.

In my news letter dated Hilo January 2d I gave the news as reported around town regarding J. Nawahi, Esq. The talk grew out of his entertaining Wilcox I think in a great measure, and his refusal to take the presents which, some members of Hilo church wished him to accept, as a proof of their appreciation of his labors as treasurer of that church for eight years without an; compensation which he was entitled to if he wished it. It seems they wished him to turn over his books or give them an account of his stewardship which he did, and every item was found correct. Had the kind friends who desired to make him presents, handed him a written statement that everything was correct, he might have accepted them. As it was there was much ill feeling among members, pastor and others, but all is now serene.

Mr. J. Rycroft and Mr. J. M. Horner addressed the citizens of Hilo at the court house on the 22d inst. There was a large attendance. The matter of a railroad to bring sugar to Hilo from the many plantations to ship direct to California, improving Hilo harbor, a carriage road to Puna and many other matters of interest were spoken of. Some of the natives were desirous of having J. T. Baker speak, but as he was not running here he did not do so. Every one should vote the Reform ticket who has the least interest in this Kingdom. We cannot afford to swap horses when crossing a stream.

The brig Lurline, Capt. W. Matson, arrived at Hilo on the 14th inst., 16 days from San Francisco, with merchandise valued at \$23,383. The shipments included 23 cts. wheat, 1,404 cts. barley, 478 bbls. flour, 336 lbs. tea, 16 cts. salmon, 338 lbs. coffee, 460 bbls. hay, 100 sks middlings, 28 cts. oats, 1,985 sks. bran, 33 cts. corn, 1,865 sks. fertilizer and 77 cts. canned goods. Her passengers were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott, Miss Newell and Miss Gibson. The Lurline stopped at San Diego to land the captain's wife, who was sick. The vessel was only 10 days from that place to Hilo.

The little steamer Alice, Capt. Bergman, arrived on the 17th inst., nineteen days from San Francisco. She will be used as a tug to take cargoes to Hilo wharf and other places. Her dimensions are 47 feet long, 10 feet beam, five feet deep. She is of steel and was made in London in 1886. One day, under sail, she made 183 miles. It is just the vessel needed at Hilo.

J. A. M.  
Hilo, January 23.

## Supreme Court Opinion.

The following opinion of the Supreme Court was received by the Minister of the Interior Saturday morning:

DEPARTMENT OF THE JUDICIARY,  
HONOLULU, JAN. 25, 1890.

To His Excellency L. A. Thurston,  
Minister of the Interior.